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**Apply for 2009 Historic Structure Tax Credits by April 15**

**SILVER SPRING** – Have a historic home or building in Montgomery County? Owners of properties listed in the Montgomery County Master Plan for Historic Preservation have until April 15 to apply for tax credits for renovation and maintenance expenses incurred in 2009.

Extensive rehabilitation projects as well as common maintenance tasks, such as painting, roof repairs or replacing gutters and downspouts, may qualify for the tax credit, as long as repairs exceed \$1,000. The tax credit is equal to 10 percent of documented expenses and is applied toward county property taxes.

The Montgomery County Council created the historic preservation tax credit program in 1984. The Historic Preservation Commission reviews tax credit applications, certifies eligibility of expenses and forwards recommendations to the County Department of Finance for approval.

The program is available to county homeowners except for residents of incorporated Rockville, Gaithersburg, Washington Grove and Laytonsville, who may be eligible through their city historic preservation programs.

For a list of eligible activities, criteria and to download an application form, visit the historic preservation tax credit website at

<http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/historic/instructions/taxcredit.shtm> or contact historic preservation staff at (301) 563-3400.

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